

Ride to Educate

Benefit for Shan Refugees Schools
Saturday September 30

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Registration 12:30 pm

Round trip—30 miles

Underwood to Glenadalough State Park



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30 Mile Ride: Underwood Community Park to and through Glendalough State Park and back to Underwood. Support vehicle will be provided.

All Riders are required to register and must wear helmets. Riders 12-16 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult. Under 12 must be attached to adults bike.

Bring your own water bottles.

There will be a mandatory bike safety clinic prior to the ride.

Riders are welcome to get pledges for miles ridden to raise funds for the schools for the children of the Shan families.

**Registration Deadline
Sept 22, 2017**

Fee: \$50/adult, \$75/family

To Register:

www.ucofu.org/shanride2017

Refreshment provided.

Questions:

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Schools for Shan support approximately one hundred Shan children who have fled from Burma to Thailand. Some of the children are in a migrant camp school that we support; students from other migrant workers' camps receive scholarships to attend Thai schools. We spend several months each year in Thailand, observing the schools and the methods being used and trying to find new and better ways to help refugee children.

Despite attending classes taught in a foreign language and despite their poorly paid parents' struggle to pay their share of school expenses, all of the children in our tuition program have passed their yearly exams.

When Shan families can no longer survive in Burma, when their homes and lands have been confiscated, or when they cannot earn a living because the economy is in shambles, they flee to Thailand. In Thailand, they do not have official refugee status and are not the recipients of international aid, but are considered migrants and work at the worst jobs the country has to offer. They receive subsistence wages, seldom enough to allow them to feed their families and send their children to school. Without an education, the children are at great risk of being lured into the sex and drug trades in Thailand.



Schools for Shan Refugees is a 501(c)3 charitable organization established to help Shan refugees in Thailand get an education. For several years the founder, Bernice Johnson of New York Mills, taught English to Shan refugees from Burma, who had escaped to Thailand. She became knowledgeable about and sympathetic with their need and desire for education.

The goal of Schools for Shan Refugees is to help Shan refugee children who live in migrant camps get a basic education, while helping their teachers, young Shan adults, earn regular wages.

